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ADVANCED JET TRAINER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to acquire the Advance Jet Trainer (AJT) for the Indian Air Force (IAF);

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof;

(c) whether there has been delay in acquisition and induction of AJT in the IAF;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Three contracts have been signed for the procurement of Hawk Mk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT). Indian Air Force is also pursuing a scheme for procuring additional Hawk Mk-132 aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The scheme is presently at the Technical Evaluation stage.

(c) to (e): There were certain delays in the execution of the first two contracts and liquidated Damages were recovered as per the terms of the respective contracts. The current contract is operating as per schedule.